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Production of Pulses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of most of the crops has increased in the post Green Revolution Period but the production and acreage of pulses has remained almost stagnant and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been no major breakthrough in the production of pulses and their certified seeds are not available in adequate quantity;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the per capita net availability of pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The Production of major field crops like rice, wheat, pulses, coarse cereals, cotton, jute, sugarcane and oilseeds has increased during post green revolution period. The area under production of pulses has also increased from 22.72 million hectare in 1965-66 to 25.26 million hectare in 2015-16 (4th Advance Estimates) and production of pulses has increased from 9.94 million tonnes to 16.47 million tonnes during the same period. The production of major crops is as below:

Crops 1965-66 Production (mt) 2015-16* Production (mt.)
Rice 30.59 104.32
Wheat 10.40 93.50
Pulses 9.94 16.47
Coarse cereals 21.42 37.94
Cotton** 4.85 30.15
Jute & Mesta*** 5.78 10.46
Sugarcane 123.99 352.16
Oilseeds 6.40 25.30
Total foodgrains 72.35 252.23

* As per 4th Advance Estimates of 2015-16
** million bales of 170 kgs each
*** million bales of 180 kgs each

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(b) & (c): The Government of India has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 2007-08. The pulses production has increased from 14.20 million tonnes in 2006-07 to a record 19.25 million tonnes during 2013-14. However, due to adverse climatic conditions in many pulses growing states, pulses production has been declined to 16.47 million tonnes during 2015-16 (As per 4th Advance Estimates).

To achieve higher Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) in pulses, Government of India has taken up several steps to augment supply of certified seeds of pulses under NFSM. The Government of India has taken several steps to increase availability of quality seeds as under:

(i) Support on production & distribution of certified seeds of pulses.

(ii) Setting up of seeds hubs in major pulses growing states for production of quality seeds of pulses.

(iii) Targeting rice fallow area in eastern states for pulses production.

(iv) Enhancement of production of breeder seeds of pulses through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agricultural

Universities (SAUs).

(v) Dissemination of latest crop production technologies by Cluster Frontline Demonstration of pulses through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

(d): To bridge the gap in demand and supply of pulses, Government of India imports pulses.
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